



Community



Development

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HUD Programs

*Helping build better
communities*

Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Award



Concordia Place

See video
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The Stoner Hill community is a low income CDBG targeted neighborhood. The total population of this community is 2,833; approximately 85% of the residents are African Americans; the median income level from employment is \$20,793 and the median retirement income is \$37,960; 63% of residents are families, while 37% are female head of households; and 53% of households are owner occupied.

Many residents in the community are retired, but are still active in hobbies, gardening, beautification projects, clean-ups, and are very active in the neighborhood association. This group of residents is very much involved and often very vocal about the needs of the aging population in their community and throughout the city of Shreveport. They are very adamant about the kinds of housing and businesses they want to see in their community. Nothing can come into this community without first going through the neighborhood association. This was the perfect place for Concordia Place.

Concordia Place is in walking distance to the State's number one public high school, one of the City's highest achieving elementary schools, a recreation center, skate park, Frisbee park, walking trails, and a community swimming pool. The Stoner Boat Marina, and quick access to shopping, the interstate and major thoroughfares make this a desirable area to live in. It is also a great complement to the newly proposed Rivers cape development, a proposed mixed-income tax credit development.

Message from the Director

Hi, I'm Bonnie Moore, Director of Community Development. I would like to invite you and your family to join us with our efforts to build better interactive communities throughout the City of Shreveport. We hope our new web-page design and information is presented in a way that brings user friendly navigation to our visitors. This is the first edition of our Newsletter. In our ongoing Newsletters, we will give bits of useful and beneficial information to our community citizens.

We are committed to providing the best in quality of service and performance, with a courteous engagement to our community associates, as well as our general public community. We will be introducing new ways to present what we do and showcase the work we dedicate our efforts to engage in making better communities.

At Community Development, we hope you will visit our web-site regularly for updates and other information which may be helpful to you and your family in communities throughout the City.



Concordia Place

Winner

The Gabe Zimmerman Service Award



*We will Feature our
Division of Workforce
in our next issue*



*Department of Community Development
Working with
Neighborhood Associations
Non Profit Organizations
And
For Profit Organization

Teamwork for Winning

All to Build better Community*

Division of Housing

We've made changes in our Division of Housing. Today, we have a New Division Manager, Murphy Cheatham, who has taken the helm as Division Manager of Housing. Mr. Cheatham has been with the department over the past year, performing along with a new team of Inspectors. We currently have improved the Inspector management with a New Team which includes direct supervision in the inspector ranks with Alex Murray as Supervisor, working with a team which includes 3 additional inspectors. Holly Mims, Joe Joubert, and David Fredrick. The entire Housing team is dedicated to quality and service unto the community.

The works load within the city as many of us know, is a valuable task, undertaken with professionalism and a commitment to quality service.

Our task is, Safety First, combined with Health and Quality Standards in our services to the community.

Update: "Current Events"

"How CDBG Funds Assist Communities:

Communities have many pressing needs that require outside financial assistance. Through the Department of Community Development, the city of Shreveport requests federal funds to help communities with a variety of projects community based programs and projects, which work with community centers, health and safety programs, and many others. These funds help communities improve their quality of life and improve the health and safety of their citizens. Community leaders can find a variety of CDBG support programs to assist and support their work to improve communities and the quality of life within their community. Programs benefit, the community as a whole, which involves participation from both non profit and for profit organizations. Ultimately contributing to business performance while in the aid and service to communities and their residents. Visit our website to review a list of our local programs

Community Development "News"

Many people are not familiarly with the work in full that we do at Community Development. We fund and support organizations through a variety of programs. With our Newsletter, we will bring you many stories about the work we do, and the citizens and communities we serve. We hope to give you a full view of the values and benefits Community Development brings to our city and its citizens.

Visit our Website for a summary of the budget's treatment of community development and affordable housing programs. That overview will cover, among other topics, CDBG, CHODO, HOME, Homeless Assistance Grants, ESG, and proposed improvements to the Low-Income Housing and other community programs.

Overview of the "HOME" program

Purpose

HOME is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide. The program was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- ▶ HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.
- ▶ HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.
- ▶ HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners.
- ▶ HOME's requirement that participating jurisdictions (PJs) match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing.

Participating jurisdictions may choose among a broad range of eligible activities, using HOME funds to provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; or for "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing

Homelessness Prevention

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes \$1.5 billion for a Homelessness Prevention Fund. Funding for this program, called the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), is being distributed based on the formula used for the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program

As long as the applicant meets the program eligibility criteria (i.e., at or below 50% AMI, homeless or at risk of losing their housing, and no other housing options, financial resources, or support networks), he/she would be eligible for assistance.

Our Local Community Based Organizations are funded through the Department of Community Development; utilizing HUD sponsored Grant Funds from both State and Federal allocations for this Program.

The appropriate category of assistance depends on the specific situation.

The program is not designed for any type of home mortgage assistance, but it does contain options to assist any person who is at the point of being evicted from a home due to loss of the home.

For More information on local organizations that provide this program services. Please visit our website:

<http://www.shreveportla.gov/dept/ShvCD/index.htm>



*Working Together
Building a better community
For the Future.*

Neighborhood Investment Program



2010 NIP Banquet



Community Development Housing Development Activities

Housing Developments

City Area

Activities

Concordia Place	Stoner Hill
Sheppard Place	MLK Neighborhood
Project Queens	Queensborough
Grace Project, Inc.	Allendale
Crossroad II	Highland
Paint Your Heart Out	Citywide
World Changers	Citywide
Re-Construction Programs	Citywide
Limited Repair Program	Citywide

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See Website for additional listing

<http://www.shreveportla.gov/dept/ShvCD/index.htm>

Upcoming Events

Events can include Department-wide deadlines for projects, events and holidays programs, Human Resources events, and social or morale building events.

National CDBG Week	April 25 th -29th
Paint Your Heart Out	One Day Event "May 2011"
World Changers	One Week July 2011

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QUOTES

"Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections."

Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude."

William James